

Installing XP SP1

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When I download/install SP1 from the Windows Update site, it takes perhaps 1 minute to download the 1.9 mb file. Progress was shown in the download progress bar. Then installation was automatic...it just began, this time showing progress in the install progress bar. This took 45-60 minutes or longer. It appeared--since both bars were in 1 small window that the Update site was installing the files but that doesn't quite make sense; ones computer installs files, right? Yet, as noted, both bars were in 1 Update window. Is Windows Update monitoring the install progress.

Anyhow, 2 questions:

1. How does it work? Who or what is doing the install?
2. Why did it take so long to install SP1. I'm running XP with broadband and a 1.7ghz cpu. I noticed that for long periods the CPU light was off, occasionally flickering briefly, sometimes strongly on. If not on are files not being installed?